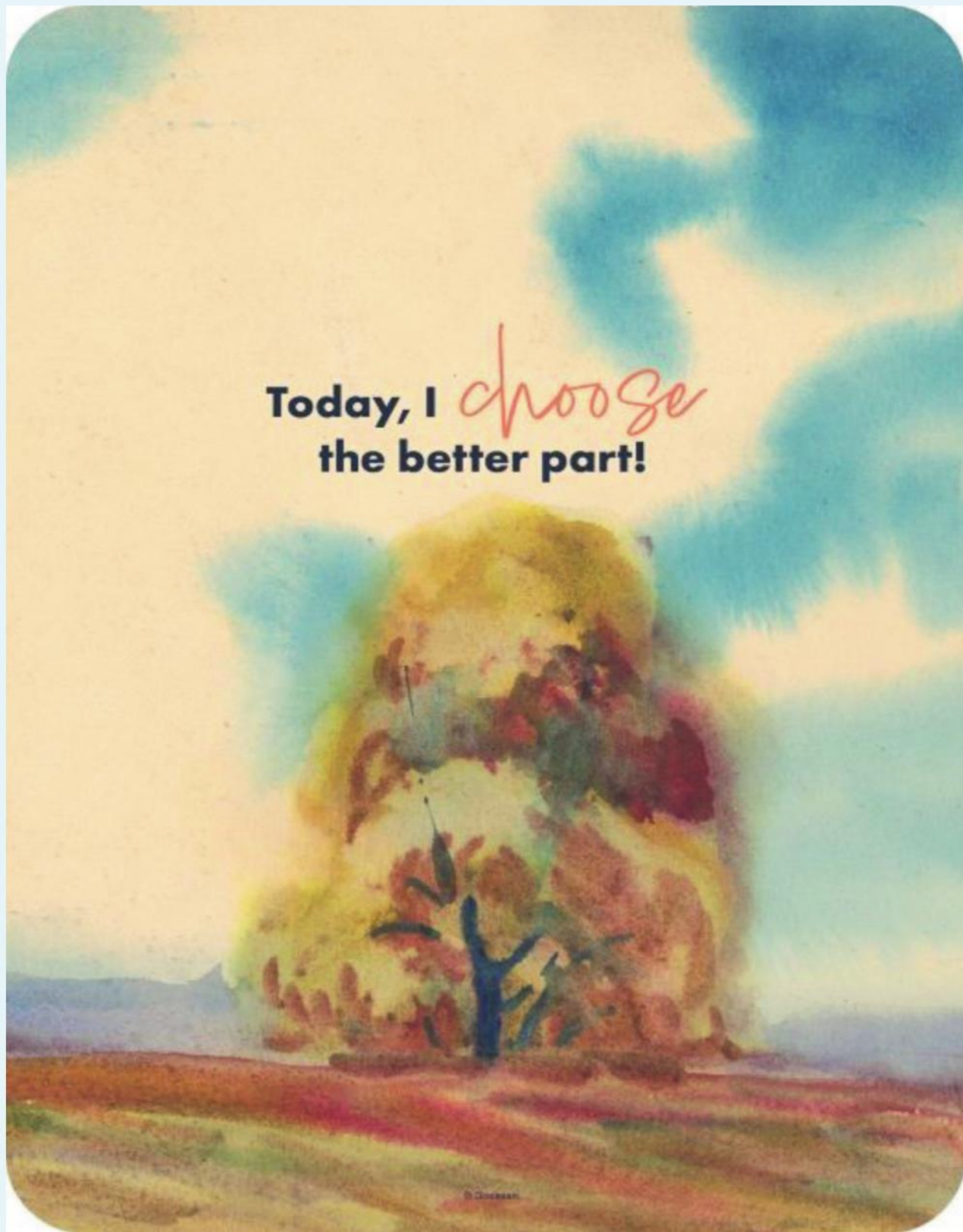


ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

'Where Faith and Family Are One'

Main and Poplar Sts. Ambler, PA 19002



July 20, 2025

GENERAL

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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00 PM
 Closed for lunch from 12:00 PM -1:00 PM
 Friday 9:00 AM -12:00 PM
 The Rectory office is closed on all holidays.

New Parishioners

We are always happy to welcome new parishioners!
 If you are interested in joining our wonderful Parish family, please register after any of the masses or:
 register online at stjoeambler@gmail.com
 visit our website at stjoeambler.org or contact the rectory office at 215-646-0494.



Prayer Requests for:

Jimmy Cowman	Anthony D'Acunto
Clare Di Donato	Emily Gudas
Kathleen/Franicis Hart	Joan Sontag
Jessica Hummel	Rita Malozzi
Maryann Osowski	Jeanne Stabilito

Please continue to pray all who are ill or in need of prayers. Names are removed monthly unless notified.
 It is so good to know that prayers are answered!

Please keep Joseph Regan in your prayers as he discerns about the priesthood and God's calling in His life.

Saturday Confession: 2:45-3:45

All confessions at St. Joseph Church will now be held in the sacristy. This move gives people more privacy and the option to sit or go face to face or anonymously. It is also accessible for walkers and wheelchairs.



Mass Intentions

July 19-20

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM Thomas Buttacavoli

Requested by
 Ciavarelli family

Sunday

7:30 AM Nicola/Teresa Paone

family

1:00 PM Mass in Spanish

Monday, Wednesday and Friday Communion Service

Tuesday

6:30 AM Arsenia Winfield Brown

Carol Mendicino

Thursday

6:30AM Carol Fox

Carol/Louis Mendicino

Candle Memorials



Mary



Tabernacle
 Celebration of
 Father Joseph
 Doherty



St. Joseph
 Michelle, Adam,
 Raymond &
 Baby Mattern



Mass Schedule

St. Joseph New Mass schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM

Monday, Wednesday and Friday AM Communion Service

Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 AM Mass

Spanish 1:00 PM First and Third Sunday

Holydays of Obligation 12:05 PM

St. Anthony of Padua New Mass schedule

Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Spanish 1:00 PM Second Sunday

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:15 AM

Tuesday & Thursday 8:15 AM Communion Service

Holydays of Obligation 8:15 AM

Sunday Readings**Reading 1 Genesis 18:1-10a**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot.

Looking up, Abraham saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said: "Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree.

Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way." The men replied, "Very well, do as you have said." Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah, "Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls."

He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer, and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it. Then Abraham got some curds and milk, as well as the steer that had been prepared, and set these before the three men; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" He replied, "There in the tent."

One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son."

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5**R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

One who walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.

R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
by whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who lends not his money at usury
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.
One who does these things
shall never be disturbed.

R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**Reading 2 Colossians 1:24-28**

Brothers and sisters:

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church, of which I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past.

But now it has been manifested to his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory.

It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.

She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.

Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said,

"Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me."

The Lord said to her in reply,

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."



*"There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better
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from her."*

THE SACRAMENTS



Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation Role of Sponsors

A baptismal preparation class is mandatory for all parents who are requesting Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled with the Deacon. Please contact the rectory office for more information.

Godparent or Sponsor Requirement- You must be a practicing Catholic, in good standing, and attend mass regularly, (married validly if married), at least 16 years of age, and have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Requested eligibility Certificates for another Parish- We cannot issue certificates of eligibility to any parish if a person is not regularly attending Sunday mass and/ or isn't properly registered in St. Joseph Parish .

Sacrament of the Sick In case of serious illness, please contact the Rectory or call the emergency number if after office hours.

Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners planning a wedding, contact the office to book an available date at least six months or more prior to that date. Arrange for Marriage Preparation Class by contacting www.philamarriageprep.com or call 610-873-2017.

Non-parishioner weddings are up to the Pastor's discretion. If a couple is not a member of this parish, they should request a letter of permission from their 'home' parish.

Week 16-July 20

Almost everyone knows the story of Martha and Mary and many people see it as a cute domestic squabble between two sisters. People who read the Bible seriously suspect that there is something deeper to it than Martha being angry with her sister and scholars have suggested various interpretations over the years that try to get to this deeper meaning. Some see Martha and Mary representing the active life and the contemplative life or the Jewish Christian and the Gentile Christian. Others see the two sisters representing the past role and future role of women or disciples who address their needs before the needs of Jesus. All of these interpretations may be valid, but the simplest interpretation is still the best and that is the challenge to be single-minded like Mary and make God the center of your life. This week be a single-minded disciple and put God above everything else in life.

Yours in Christ,

Father Jim

ADULT

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

July 22

Though her transgressions may have been many, just as abundant was her love for her Lord. Perhaps one of the greatest conversion stories of the New Testament, Mary Magdalene was one from whom seven demons had been expelled, a woman plagued by turmoil. She lived her own type of hell on earth, that is, until Jesus crossed her path one day. She first appears in the Bible accompanying him as he journeyed from one town to the other "preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God". Her gratitude led her to follow and serve her Lord tirelessly, all the way up to the foot of the cross. She did not abandon him in the face of difficulty, nor did she deny him despite the harsh cruelty all around her. She was one of the few to accompany him, gazing upon his beaten and torn countenance as he took his final breath. Jesus rewarded this loving devotion as she is known in Mark's account to be the first one to see him after the Resurrection (Mark 16:9). May we follow the example of Saint Mary Magdalene in our unwavering dedication to God, so that at the end of our days we may also declare, "I have seen the Lord!" —Tami Urcia

SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF (1828-1898) July 24

The convenience store owner chatted animatedly in Arabic with coworkers, but hardly at all with his "American" clientele. So soon after 9/11, he probably figured, with my accent, the less said, the better. That changed when an "American" customer recognized Saint Sharbel's portrait on the wall: "So you're Lebanese Maronites!" The owner was happily incredulous: "You know our saint?" "Not at first," the customer admitted. "But we help the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and their magazine published that picture and called Sharbel the 'Paradoxical Artisan of Peace.'" "Everyone thinks we're Muslims," said the owner, "and some of my workers are. Saint Sharbel helps us live together in peace!" A hermit for twenty-three years, little is known of Sharbel's life. He died after suffering a stroke while celebrating the liturgy. Miracles attributed to his intercession number in the thousands, and in war-torn Lebanon, Catholics, Orthodox, and Muslims pray together where his incorrupt body is entombed. How lovely if after our passing, we too could be remembered for having brought very different people to the one God, together in peace. —Peter Scagnelli

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FAMILY & YOUTH

Calling all Confirmation Candidates...

The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at St. Joseph's on Thursday, November 13, 2025. Does your child/ren match this description?

- ◆ Your family is registered at St. Joseph's Parish
- ◆ Your child attends a local Catholic school or is being home-schooled in a Catholic curriculum.
- ◆ Your child will be in seventh or eighth grade next fall.
- ◆ Your child has been baptized and has received First Holy Communion.
- ◆ Your child has received religious instruction continuously for at least the past two years and can document this.
- ◆ Your child has received some Confirmation instruction as part of his/her day school curriculum.

If so, please contact Director of Religious Education Suzanne Kuhn at 215-646-0494 or stjosephamblerdre@gmail.com for your child to be included in the November celebration of Confirmation.

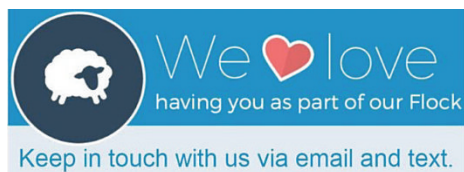
Registration

is about to begin for PREP 2025-2026. Live in-person religious instruction will be offered for grades K to 8 on Sundays from September 14, 2025 through May 3, 2026 from 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM in **St. Anthony's Education Center, 260 Forest Ave., Ambler 19002**. Registration materials will be available at the doors of St. Joseph Church starting Sunday, June 15, 2025 and can be dropped off at St. Joseph's Rectory during normal business hours. Registration sign-up sessions will be held on the following dates and locations, and forms will also be available during these sessions:

Sunday, July 20th from 12 PM to 1 PM outside the main entrance of St. Joseph Church.



FLOCKNOTE returns...



A few years back (around covid time) we started Flocknotes which is a way to reach out to everyone with church information who provided their email addresses and mobile numbers. We used it a few times, however; not too many signed up for it. It is an effective way for instant communication.

We are now going to use this social media form again. For those who previously signed up, you will still receive the information. If you are unsure, email St. Joseph's for confirmation.

For anyone who hasn't signed up you can send an email with the information or you can detach the short form provided here and just put it in the collection basket.. Thank you for all you do for St. Joseph's Church.

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NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MOBILE PHONE _____

**This is the same information requested when signing up for the digital bulletin.

FINANCE

July 12-13

Sunday: \$ 2691.00

Camp. For Human Develop. \$730.00

Spanish Mass: N/A

Please know that if you attend St. Anthony's Church for Mass, your envelope contribution is forwarded to St. Joseph Church and the same with St. Anthony's envelopes.

Thank you for your contribution to St. Joseph Church. We appreciate all that you do.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

SANTA MARÍA MAGDALENA 22 de julio

Aunque sus transgresiones pueden haber sido muchas, igual de abundante fue su amor por su Señor. Tal vez una de las más grandes historias de conversión del Nuevo Testamento, María Magdalena fue una mujer de la que habían sido expulsados siete demonios, una mujer atormentada. Vivió su propio tipo de infierno en la tierra, hasta que un día Jesús se cruzó en su camino. Ella aparece por primera vez en la Biblia acompañándolo mientras viajaba de un pueblo a otro "predicando y anunciando la buena nueva del reino de Dios". Su gratitud la llevó a seguir y servir a su Señor incansablemente, hasta el pie de la cruz. Ella no lo abandonó ante la dificultad, ni lo negó a pesar de la dura crueldad que la rodeaba. Ella fue una de las pocas que lo acompañó, mirando su rostro golpeado y desgarrado mientras tomaba su último respiro. Jesús recompensó esta devoción amorosa ya que ella es conocida en el relato de Marcos como la primera en verlo después de la Resurrección (Marcos 16,9). Que sigamos el ejemplo de Santa María Magdalena en nuestra inquebrantable entrega a Dios, para que al final de nuestros días también podamos declarar: "¡He visto al Señor!"

—Tami Urcia

LITURGY AND MUSIC



Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

takes place after the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on the second Saturday of the month.

After the mass is ended, those who wish will be invited gather around the baptismal font. Please write your name on the sign up sheet after receiving the sacrament so it will be recorded in the book.

Scripture Readings

Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Monday Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17

Friday Feast of Saint James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Saturday Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

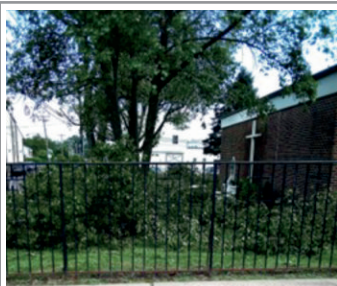
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love.

—James Field

OPERATIONS



Trees, trees, trees...

Now
you see
them

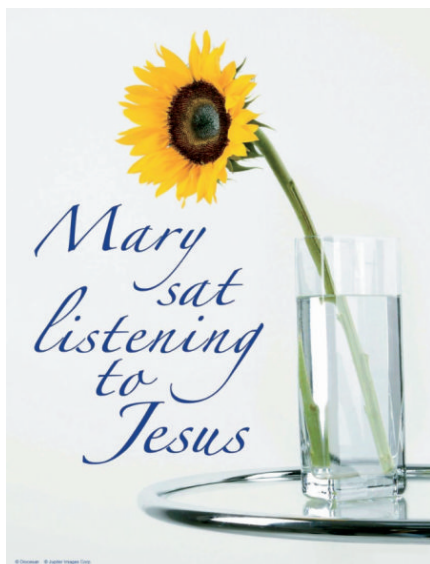
now you
don't.



Great clean up!

DETAILS, DETAILS, DETAILS...

Poor Martha.
Patron saint of
housewives, servants,
waiters, and cooks.
She complains to
Jesus that her sister
has left her to do all
the work, and asks
him to tell Mary to
help her. If you are a
stay-at-home parent,
or caregiver, or work
in a restaurant, you
know what it is like
to be constantly run
off your feet. If you
have extra people to
take care of it is even



worse. In Jesus' time it was almost unheard of for a woman to sit as a disciple, rather than busying herself with cleaning and food preparation, so Martha's aggravation is very understandable. But consider Jesus' comment, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things" (Luke 10:41). It is a gentle rebuke. The "better part" chosen by Mary—to sit at the feet of the Teacher—does not make Mary superior to her sister, but instead shows that she sees the importance of listening to the Lord while he is still with them. Martha is aware of who Jesus is, as in another Gospel passage she acknowledges him as the Messiah (John 11:27), the only person other than Peter to say so directly. Here she has gotten lost in the details of being a hostess. There is a parallel in our lives as a church, for example, when we complain or argue about how the Eucharist is celebrated: the choir is too loud, Father's homily was too long, altar servers shouldn't wear sneakers to church, people are talking too much before Mass, and so on. When these details disrupt our attention and distract us from why we are here in the first place, we have become Marthas. We are here to be like Mary, focused on the Lord. Let's give him our complete attention, along with our profoundest thanks.

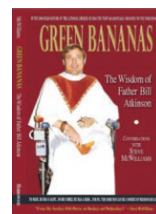
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OUTSIDE NEWS

Father Bill Atkinson's Cause for Canonization:

Please continue to pray for his intercession.. For favors received or for more information, write Fr. Bill's Cause-Augustinian Provincial Offices PO Box 340- Villanova, PA 19085 610-527-3330
www.augustinian.org

As you know we continue to remember and pray for Father William Atkinson's 'call to Sainthood'.



Pray for our Nation

Our country, our military, police and first responders all need our prayers now! Please continue to pray for all in harms way who help protect us and our country. God bless and protect them all. Many have returned home and need both physical and emotional care. They cannot be forgotten. Pray for all those who have unselfishly given up their lives for our freedom. Jesus has said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend". May God give them strength and courage to continue to fight the battles they struggle with abroad and here at home!

Bishop McDevitt

50th Reunion Celebration

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025 Time: 5:00-9:00 PM

Location: Sandy Run Country Club

200 E. Valley Green Road

Oreland, PA 19075

Cost: \$75.00 per person Includes: Buffet Dinner (cash bar) Dress Code: Country Club Casual

RSVP by October 1 by mailing your check to:

Mary Pat Wilkinson

P.O. Box 5

Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

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Please include your contact information with your payment and maiden names for the ladies.

Let's reconnect and celebrate 50 years of memories, laughter and Lancer Pride.

Any questions contact:

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